UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----X THE NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND, NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS WELFARE FUND, NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS VACATION FUND, NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS ANNUITY FUND, NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS APPRENTICESHIP, JOURNEYMAN RETRAINING, EDUCATIONAL AND INDUSTRY FUND, NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS CHARITY FUND, and THE NEW YORK CITY AND VICINITY CARPENTERS LABOR MANAGEMENT COOPERATION FUND, by MICHAEL J. FORDE, and PAUL O'BRIEN, as TRUSTEES, AND MICHAEL J. FORDE AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER, DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR NEW YORK CITY AND VICINITY, UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA.

08 CV 2218 (MGC) ECF CASE

AFFIDAVIT OF COUNSEL IN SUPPORT OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Plaintiffs,

-against-

SYSTEM FURNITURE INSTALLATIONS LLC.

		Defendant.	
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STATE OF NEW YORK	)		
COUNTY OF NEW YORK	) ss: )		

ANDREW GRABOIS, Esq. being duly sworn, deposes and says,

1. I am associated with the firm of O'Dwyer & Bernstien, LLP, attorneys for plaintiffs ("Funds") in the above captioned action. I am familiar with all the facts and circumstances in this action.

Defendant, dated January 25, 2008.

- 2. I submit this affidavit in support of plaintiffs' motion for default judgment against System Furniture Installations LLC ("Defendant"), confirming an arbitration award against the
- 3. Upon information and belief Defendant is a corporation and not an infant, in the military or an incompetent.
- 4. Subject matter jurisdiction of this action is based upon Section 301 of the Labor Management Relations Act ("LMRA"), 29 U.S.C. §185, Sections 502(a)(3)(B)(ii), (d)(1), (e) and (g) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §§1132(a)(3)(B)(ii), (d)(1), (e) and (g), Section 515 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1145, and Section 9 of the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §9.
- 5. Plaintiffs brought this action to collect unpaid employee benefit fund contributions from Defendant, which were due and owing to plaintiffs pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement ("Agreement") between the Defendant and the District Council for New York City and Vicinity, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.
- 6. Defendant has failed to remit benefit fund contributions to the Funds for hours worked by employees as required under the Agreement.
- 7. Pursuant to the arbitration clause of the Agreement, the dispute was submitted to arbitration to Roger Maher, the duly designated impartial arbitrator. Thereafter, upon due notice to all parties, the arbitrator held a hearing and rendered his award, in writing, dated January 25, 2008 determining said dispute. Upon information and belief, a copy of the award was sent to the defendant.
- 8. The arbitrator found that Defendant was required to pay to the Funds \$53,952.75, plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of the award. (A copy of

the award is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A").

- 9. The defendant has failed to abide by the award.
- 10. Plaintiffs commenced this action on March 5, 2008 by filing a summons and complaint. (A copy is annexed hereto as Exhibit "B"). Plaintiffs subsequently served the summons and complaint together with the Judge's rules upon Defendant by delivering one (1) true copy of the same to the Secretary of the State of New York on March 12, 2008, pursuant to Section 307 of New York Business Corporation Law and an affidavit of service was filed with the Court on March 18, 2008. (A copy is annexed hereto as Exhibit "C"). Plaintiffs completed service by mailing one (1) true copy thereof by registered mail with return receipt requested at the last known address of the corporation known to the plaintiffs on March 7, 2008 and an affidavit of service was filed on March 18, 2008. (A copy is annexed hereto as Exhibit "D").
- 11. Defendant has failed to answer or appear or move with respect to the complaint and the time to do so has expired. (A copy of the Clerk's Certificate is annexed hereto as Exhibit "E").
- 12. Plaintiffs seek a default judgment and order against Defendant and in favor of plaintiffs as follows:
  - a. confirming the arbitrator's award;
  - b. awarding judgment for the plaintiffs and against Defendant in the principal amount of \$53,952.75;
  - c. interest of ten percent (10%) per annum on that amount from the date of said award, pursuant to the arbitrator's award;
  - d. attorneys' fees and costs arising out of this action as determined by the court. (An Affidavit of Services is annexed hereto as Exhibit "F" and a

proposed Default Judgment is annexed hereto as Exhibit "G");

e. such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper;

Sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008

NOTARY PUBLIC

RAUL GARCIA
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02GA6056458
Qualified in Kings County
Commission Expires April 2, 20

# OFFICE OF THE IMPARTIAL ARBITRATOR

ROGER E. MAHER
IMPARTIAL ARBITRATOR

### In the matter of the Arbitration between

The New York District Council of Carpenter Pension Fund, New York City District Council of Carpenters Welfare Fund, New York City District Council of Carpenters Vacation Fund, New York City District Council of Carpenters Annuity Fund, New York City District Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship, Journeyman, Retraining, Educational & Industry Fund, New York City District Council of Carpenters Charity Fund, The New York and Vicinity Carpenters Labor Management Cooperation Fund, by Michael J. Forde and Paul O'Brien, as Trustees and Michael J. Forde as Executive Secretary-Treasurer, District Council for New York City and Vicinity, United Brotherhood Carpenters and Joiners of America.

Petitioners,

MODIFIED OPINION AND DEFAULT AWARD OF ARBITRATOR

-against-

# System Furniture Installations LLC, Respondent

Pursuant to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Respondent-Employer and the District Council of New York City and Vicinity of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, effective 07/01/2005, and the designation of the undersigned as Impartial Arbitrator to determine disputes concerning claim arising from payments due to the Benefit Funds described in said written contract, the undersigned Arbitrator was called upon to hear and determine a controversy involving claims by the Petitioners for sums of money allegedly due to said Benefit Funds by the Respondent.

In accordance with the terms of the underlying written agreement, the Civil Practice Law and Rules of the State of New York and the herein Notice of Intention to Arbitrate dated 12/05/2007, the undersigned by Notice of Hearing dated 01/07/2007, scheduled a hearing for 01/23/2008, in order to determine the dispute between the parties.

#### **OPINION**

On 01/23/2008, at the place and time designated at the aforesaid Notice of Hearing, Steven Kasarda, Esq., appeared on behalf of the Petitioners and submitted proof that the Respondent-Employer had legally sufficient notice of this proceeding and the claims against. There being no appearance on behalf of the Respondent nor any request for an adjournment or extension of time to appear, the undersigned found the Respondent to be in default and proceeded to hear the testimony and take evidence on the claims of the Petitioners.

The uncontroverted testimony and evidence established that the Respondent was bound to a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the New York City District Council of Carpenters and said Agreement became effective 07/01/2005. This Contract obligated the Respondent-Employer to make certain payments to Fringe Benefit Trust Funds on behalf of all its carpenter employees pursuant to schedules set forth in the Agreement. In addition, it authorized the Petitioners to conduct an audit of the Respondent-Employer's books and records in order to verify that all the required contributions were made to each of the aforesaid Fringe Benefit Trust Funds maintained by the Petitioners. In accordance with this auditing provision, an accountant employed by the Petitioners, with the consent of the Respondent, performed an audit of the books and records of the Respondent herein.

The testimony of the auditor employed by the Petitioners, established that an audit of the books and records of the Respondent had been performed and delinquencies were discovered in the amount of contributions due the aforesaid Funds during the period of 03/13/2006 through 05/12/2007. The testimony further revealed that a copy of the Summary Report of this audit had been forwarded to the Respondent. Thereafter the Petitioners duly demanded payment and upon the Respondent's failure to comply this proceeding was initiated.

The testimony of the auditor set forth the accounting method employed during the course of the audit and the computation of the amount of each alleged delinquency. The Summary Report of the audits conducted were also received in evidence. The total amount of the delinquency and interest was \$ 53,952.75 dollars (\$ 53,952.75). The Petitioners requested that the monies due (including delinquency assessment and interest) plus their Attorney's fee, and the fee of the Arbitrator and court costs be imposed upon the Respondent all as required and set forth in the underlying written contract. Testimony computing these amounts was received in evidence.

### **AWARD**

Upon the substantial and credible evidence of the case as a whole I find the Respondent-Employer, System Furniture Installations LLC, is delinquent in Fringe Benefit monies due under its written agreement and is also obligated to pay delinquency assessment and interest on its delinquency, plus an attorney's fee to the Petitioners and the fee of the undersigned Arbitrator, and court costs all in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement in the following amounts:

Welfare Fund	\$ 11,773.75
Pension Fund	\$ 10,630.95
Annuity Fund	\$ 7,124.80
Vacation Fund	\$ 6,457.50
AJREI Fund	\$ 647.20
School Fund	\$ 0.00
Labor Management Fund	\$ 246.20
IBC Fund	\$ 73.86
Charity Fund	\$ 49.24
Interest	\$ 13,092.73
Court Costs	\$ 375.00
Attorney's Fee	\$ 1,500.00
Arbitrator's Fee	\$ 500.00
Audit Fee	\$ 1,450.00
Promo Fee	\$ 31.52
TOTAL	\$ 53,952.75

Wherefore, the Trustees of the New York City District Council Carpenters Benefit Funds are awarded an aggregate amount of \$53,952.75 dollars (\$53,952.75) which is to be paid forthwith by System Furniture Installations LLC with interest to accrue at the rate of 10% from the date of this award.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York January 25, 2008

ROGER E. MAHER, Arbitrator

To: Steven Kasarda, Esq.

New York City District Council Carpenters Benefit Funds

395 Hudson Street

New York, New York 10014

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System Furniture Installations LLC 10 Westervelt Place Westwood, NJ 07675 Paul Cuomo, Pres.

# **AFFIRMATION**

STATE OF NEW YORK ) COUNTY OF KINGS )

The undersigned under penalty of perjury affirms that he is the Arbitrator in the within proceeding and signed same in accordance with arbitration law of the State of New York.

ROGER E. MAHER

New York, New York 10007 (212) 571-7100

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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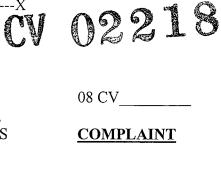
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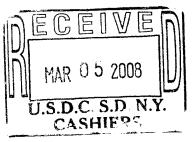
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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Plaintiffs,

-against-

SYSTEM FURNITURE INSTALLATIONS LLC,
Defendant.
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Plaintiffs, (hereinafter also referred to as "Benefit Funds"), by their attorneys O'Dwyer & Bernstien, LLP, for their Complaint allege as follows:

#### **NATURE OF THE CASE**

1. This is an action to confirm and enforce an Arbitrator's Award rendered pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement ("Agreement") between The District Council of New York City and Vicinity of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America ("Union") and System Furniture Installations LLC ("Employer").

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to section 301 of the Labor Management Relations Act ("LMRA"), 29 U.S.C. §185, sections 502(a)(3)(B)(ii), (d)(1), (e) and (g) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §§1132(a)(3)(B)(ii), (d)(1), (e) and (g), section 515 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1145, and section 9 of the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §9.
- 3. Personal jurisdiction is based upon Section 502(e)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(2).

### **VENUE**

4. Venue is proper in this district in that Plaintiffs' offices are located in this district.

#### **PARTIES**

- 5. At all times relevant herein the Plaintiffs were jointly administered, multi-employer, Taft-Hartley Benefit Funds administered by trustees designated by a union and by employers, established and maintained pursuant to section 302(c)(5) of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5). Plaintiffs Forde and O'Brien are fiduciaries of the Benefit Funds within the meaning of ERISA sections 3(21) and 502, 29 U.S.C. §§1002(21) and 1132.
- 6. The Benefit Funds are employee benefit plans within the meaning of sections 3(1) and (3) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(1) and (3) and are maintained for the purposes of providing health, medical and related welfare benefits, pension and other benefits to eligible participants and beneficiaries on whose behalf they receive contributions from numerous employers pursuant to collective bargaining agreements between the employers and the Union.
- 7. Upon information and belief defendant System Furniture Installations LLC is a foreign corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey with a principal place of business located at 10 Westervelt Place, Westwood, NJ 07675.
  - 8. The defendant is an employer within the meaning of section 3(5) of ERISA, 29

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#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 9. Defendant was bound at all relevant times by a collective bargaining agreement with the Union, which, by its terms, became effective July 1, 2005. Said Agreement provides, inter alia, that the defendant shall make monetary contributions to the Benefit Funds on the behalf of covered employees, and for the submission of disputes to final, binding arbitration.
- 10. A dispute arose during the period of the Agreement between the parties when the Employer failed to comply with obligations under the Agreement to make contributions for employees in the bargaining unit.
- Pursuant to the arbitration clause in the Agreement, the dispute was submitted to arbitration to Roger Maher, the duly designated impartial arbitrator.
- Thereafter, upon due notice to all parties, the arbitrator duly held a hearing on January 23, 2008. A modified award, in writing, was rendered on January 25, 2008 determining said dispute. Upon information and belief, a copy of the award was delivered to the defendant (A copy of the award is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part hereof).
- 13. The arbitrator found that System Furniture Installations LLC had failed to make contributions due to the Benefit Funds for the period March 13, 2006 through May 12, 2007, in the principal amount of \$53,952.75.
- 14. The arbitrator also found that System Furniture Installations LLC was required to pay interest on the principal amount due at the rate of 10% per annum from the date of the award.
  - 15. The defendant has failed to abide by the award.WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against defendant as follows:

- 1. For an order confirming the arbitration award in all respects;
- 2. For entry of judgment in favor of the Plaintiffs and against System Furniture Installations LLC in the principal amount of \$53,952.75, plus 10% interest per year from the date of the award to the date of entry of judgment;
  - 3. For attorneys' fees and costs of this action;
  - 4. For such other and further relief as this court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York March 5, 2008

ANDREW GRABOIS (AG 3192)

O'Dwyer & Bernstien, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiffs

52 Duane Street

New York, NY 10007

(212) 571-7100

# AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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STATE OF NEW YORK )

SS.:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

RICH GAGE, being sworn, says: I am not a party to the action, am over 18 years of age and reside in Brooklyn, New York. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, I served plaintiffs' **SUMMONS and COMPLAINT and JUDGES' RULES** to the following party by depositing a true copy thereof in a post-paid wrapper, registered mail with return receipt requested, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within New York State, addressed to the following persons at the last known address set forth after each name below:

TO: System Furniture Installations LLC 10 Westervelt Place Westwood, NJ 07675

RICH GAGE

Sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008

NOTARY PUBLIC

ROSA FALLON
Commissioner of Deeds
City of New York - No. 2-12032
Qualified in Kings County
Commission Expires Jan 01, 20/2

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CLERKS CERTIFICATE

-against-

SYSTEM FURNITURE INSTALLATIONS LLC,

Defendant.

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I, J. MICHAEL MCMAHON, Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, do hereby certify that this action commenced on March 5, 2008 by filing of the Summons and Complaint, and a copy of the Summons and Complaint having been served on the defendant, System Furniture Installations LLC, on March 12, 2008, by delivering one (1) true copy thereof to Donna Christie, an authorized clerk in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, and proof of service being filed on March 18, 2008, and by registered mail to System Furniture Installations LLC, 10 Westervelt Place, Westwood, NJ 07675 on March 7, 2008, and proof of service being filed on March 18, 2008.

I further certify that the docket entries indicate that the defendant has not filed an answer or otherwise moved with respect to complaint herein. The default of the defendant is hereby noted.

Dated: April 15, 200 & New York, New York

J. MICHAEL MCMAHON

Clerk of the Court

By: Deputy Clerk

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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THE NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND, NEW
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ANNUITY FUND, NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS APPRENTICESHIP,
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AND INDUSTRY FUND, NEW YORK CITY
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS CHARITY
FUND, and THE NEW YORK CITY AND VICINITY
CARPENTERS LABOR-MANAGEMENT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICES

Plaintiffs,

-against-

COOPERATION FUND, by MICHAEL J. FORDE and

MICHAEL J. FORDE AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-

YORK CITY AND VICINITY, UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF

TREASURER, DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR NEW

CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA,

PAUL O'BRIEN, as TRUSTEES, AND

SYSTEM FURNITURE INSTALLATIONS LLC,

	Defendan	t.
STATE OF NEW YORK	)	X
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COUNTY OF NEW YORK	)	

ANDREW GRABOIS, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a member of the Bar of this Court and am associated with the firm of O'Dwyer & Bernstien, LLP, attorneys for plaintiffs herein and submit this affidavit in support of the instant application for default judgment and order.

- 2. On March 5, 2008, Rich Gage, a paralegal in this office, drafted a complaint, cover sheet and other required documents. He spent 0.5 hours on this matter at a billing rate of \$125.00 per hour, for a total of \$62.50 in attorneys' fees.
- 3. On March 5, 2008, your deponent reviewed and finalized the aforementioned documents. I spent 0.5 hours on this matter at a billing rate of \$350.00 per hour for a total of \$175.00 in attorneys' fees.
- 4. On March 5, 2008, Mr. Gage prepared and filed the aforementioned documents with the Clerk of the Court. He spent 1.0 hours on this matter at a billing rate of \$125.00 per hour, for a total of \$125.00 in attorneys' fees.
- 5. On March 6, 2008, Mr. Gage prepared and filed the aforementioned documents on the Electronic Case Filing system. He spent 0.5 hours on this matter at a billing rate of \$125.00 per hour for a total of \$62.50 in attorneys' fees.
- 6. On March 6, 2008, Mr. Gage prepared and mailed the aforementioned documents for service of process through the Department of State. He spent 0.5 hours on this matter at a billing rate of \$125.00 per hour for a total of \$62.50 in attorneys' fees.
- 7. On March 7, 2008, Mr. Gage prepared and mailed the aforementioned documents for service of process by registered mail. He spent 1.0 hours on this matter at a billing rate of \$125.00 per hour for a total of \$125.00 in attorneys' fees.
- 8. On March 18, 2008, Ian Henderson, a paralegal in this office, prepared and filed the affidavits of service with the Court and on the ECF system. He spent 1.0 hours on this matter at a billing rate of \$200.00 per hour for a total of \$200.00 in attorneys' fees.
- 9. On April 16, 2008, Mr. Henderson drafted the required default documents, including a proposed default judgment and order and affidavit of services rendered. He spent a total of 4.0 hours on this matter at a billing rate of \$200.00 per hour for a total of \$800.00 in attorneys' fees.

- 10. On April 16, 2008, your deponent reviewed and finalized the aforementioned default documents over 0.5 hours, at a billing rate of \$350.00 per hour for a total of \$175.00 in attorneys' fees.
  - 11. The cost of the process server to effectuate service of process was \$74.00.

WHEREFORE, deponent respectfully requests allowance of attorneys' fees in the sum of \$1,787.50 and costs arising out of this action in the amount of \$74.00 for a total of \$1,861.50

ANDREW GRABOIS (AG 3192)

Sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008

RAUL GARCIA
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02GA6056458
Qualified in Kings County
Commission Expires April 2, 20

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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**DEFAULT JUDGMENT** 

Plaintiffs,

-against-

SYSTEM FURNITURE INSTALLATIONS LLC,	
Defendant.	
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This action having been commenced on March 5, 2008 by the filing of a Summons and Complaint, and a copy of the Summons and Complaint having been served on the defendant System Furniture Installations LLC on March 12, 2008 by delivering one (1) true copy of the same to the Secretary of the State of New York, pursuant to Section 307(b) of New York Business Corporation Law, and a proof of service having been filed on March 18, 2008, and by registered mail on March 7, 2008, and proof of service having been filed on March 18, 2008, and the defendant not having

answered the Complaint, and the time for answering the Complaint having expired, and the Clerk of the Court having issued its certificate of default on April 15, 2008, it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED: T	hat the Plaintiff have judgment against
Defendant, pursuant to the arbitration award, in the pri	ncipal amount of \$53,952.75 plus interest of ten
percent (10%) per annum from the date of said award	, January 25, 2008, through the date of entry of
this judgment, totaling, in additio	n to attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of
\$1,861.50 for a total of	
Dated:	
New York, New York	
	Honorable Miriam G. Cedarbaum United States District Judge
	This document was entered on the docket on

STATE OF NEW YORK ) :SS.: COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

IAN K. HENDERSON, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am not a party to the action, am over 18 years of age and reside in Brooklyn, New York. On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008, I served plaintiffs' **NOTICE OF MOTION and SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION** to the following party by depositing a true copy thereof in a post-paid wrapper, in an official depository, under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within New York State, addressed to the following person at the last known address set forth after the name below:

TO: System Furniture Installations LLC 10 Westervelt Place Westwood, New Jersey 07675

IAN K. HENDERSON

Sworn to before the this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008

ANDREW GRABOIS
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02GR6127051
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires May 23, 20